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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 16 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a bracket and anchor apparatus in accordance with the present invention before assembly; and

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 18 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the bracket and anchor apparatus shown in Fig. 1 after assembly[.]; and

Please insert the following new paragraph at line 20 on page 2:

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a battered helical anchor for use with the bracket and anchor apparatus shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 13 with the following amended paragraph:

The bottom plate **14a** is attached to an upper end **15a** of a vertically extending shaft **15** either fixedly, such as by a welded connection, or removably, such as with suitable fasteners or the like. The shaft **15** is hollow and has an open lower end **15b** sized to slip over an upper end of a typical helical anchor, such as the anchor **13** shown in Fig. 3 or similar anchor, when used in a conventional manner. A connecting plate **16** extends radially from a central portion of the shaft **15** and has an aperture **17** formed therein. Preferably, the connecting plate **16** is welded to the central portion of the shaft **15**. The connecting plate **16** extends in a plane that is between horizontal and vertical, such as an approximately 45° angle relative to a horizontal plane of the bottom plate **14a** which plane is parallel to a longitudinal axis **18** of the restrainer **14**. Also, the connecting plate **16** extends radially from the shaft **15** along an axis **19** that is at an approximately 45° horizontal angle relative to the longitudinal axis **18**. Although 45° angles are used in this example, the two angles can be different and any suitable angles and directions can be used. The orientation of the connecting plate **16** advantageously permits the battered anchor **13** to resist walkway movement in all directions.